for allocation of power from the Central sector hydel generating stations to the Central Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Central Government to the revised formula sent by the Punjab Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Government of Punjab had suggested, *inter-alia*, that the States concerned should be consulted before the formula for allocation of hydel power is decided, in the allocation of power greater weightage should be given to the power consumption in a State, and States which provide the right of way for Extra High Voltage lines should also be entitled to an extra share of power just as the home State gets a benefit on account of the location of a power project.

(c) It has been clarified to the State Government that the Central hydel formula for allocation of power is based on the formula evolved in the case of super thermal power stations which was arrived at after prolonged deliberations at various formus with the States concerned and has been considered to be the best possible formulation under the present circumstances.

Setting up of Gas Turbine Plant

2305. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a gas turbine plant in Punjab to meet its ever rising power demand;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to direct the Gas Authority of India to extend gas facilities to Punjab so that the gas turbine plant is established; and

(c) by when the proposed gas turbine plant is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of Petro-Chemical Complex in Punjab

2306. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has urged the Central Government to set up a petro-chemical complex in the State;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) by when the proposed petrochemical complex is likely to be set up and start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Decision on the setting up of any petrochemical complex is based on techno-economic considerations.

Industrial activity by M/s. Bureau Veritas

2307. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M/s. Bureau Veritas, a French company having a branch office in Bombay, is carrying on industrial activity there; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to cancel the licence of M/s. Bureau Veritas?